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Theologian presents lecture

Paul Waddell, a theologian, was recently at Saint Joseph's College to present a lecture on "friendship as a model for the moral life." Waddell has a PhD in Ethics from Notre Dame.

Waddell commented that we "seldom envision friendship as a moral enterprise." Contemporary society is concerned more with things than people, he said. "This is not a world in which people can live together," yet "we yearn for friendship."

The lecture continued, explaining that "virtue comes to us through friendship with good people." True friendship is "a relationship capable of bettering the self," Waddell said.

SA elections wrapped up

Candidates for SA officers campaigned rigorously the past two weeks, hanging posters and talking to students across campus. The presidential campaign was highlighted by a debate held Tuesday night.

In the debate, Brett Byers and his running mate, Kurt Krouse, engaged in discussion with their opponents, Bill Patterson and his running mate, Allison McDonough.

Byers relied on his experience in student government. "I believe my experience in SA is an extreme benefit. I love Student Association. I've

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Here comes Santa Claus GCS plans party

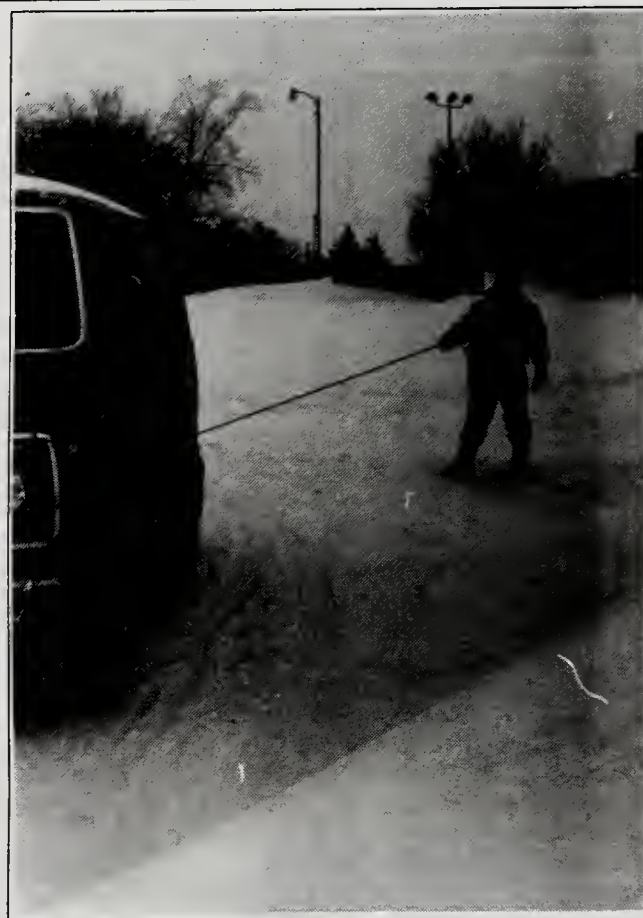
by Krisie Kimerer

Annually, the Gallagher Charitable Society holds a Christmas party for underprivileged children who live in the greater Rensselaer area. The event is going to be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Ballroom of Halleck Center. This year 150 children are expected to attend the party. Sean Fergus, who is in charge of organizing the event, states that this number is down from previous years due to lower donations. Approximately, one thousand dollars have been raised this year for the Christmas party.

The children are not randomly selected. They are picked with the assistance of the Jasper County welfare department. The children attending this year have been selected solely from Rensselaer. Beginning at 9 a.m., a breakfast will be served free of charge to all the children and their parents. As well as break-

fast being provided, toys will be handed out to the children. Some of the toys have been donated by professors from Saint Joseph's campus. Fergus says, "The real Santa Claus will be there," so the children are sure to be excited.

Initially, the Gallagher Charitable Society was started in the early 1970's by Leroy Jarka, who is currently the head basketball coach of Saint Benedict's. At one time, the charitable society served a dual purpose: to provide toys for underprivileged children and to hide beer money from the Student Association. Beginning in 1987, Steve James reformed the Gallagher Charitable Society by utilizing all of the money for the children's benefit. Thirty to forty men from Gallagher Hall volunteer their time to ensure that the children have a fun time.



Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow! A blanket of snow in the winter of '87 was great for skiing. Will there be a white Christmas this year?

SA holds open forum

by Klaudia Janek

On Wednesday, Dec. 1, the Student Association sponsored an Open Forum. The Open Forum gave students a chance to ask any questions about campus life.

Staff members that were on hand to answer all questions and concerns were: Bill Maniscalco, Vice President of Student Affairs; Diane Jennings, Director of Counseling; Jennifer Haberkorn, Director of Student Activities; Dixie Green R.N., Director of Johnson Health Center; Christine Beschnett, Director of Career Planning & Placement; Vicki Kosowsky, Asst. V.P. Student Affairs; Chris Zanowski, Co-Director of Campus Life; Anita Heisig, Co-Director of Campus Life; Sr. Linda Kors, Director of Campus Ministry; and finally Ernest Wat-

son, Director of Security and Co-Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs.

The Open Forum started out with each of the guests making statements about student life on campus from their various job perspectives. Students were also updated on current activities that Student Affairs is currently developing. President Albert Shannon was thanked for everything he has done so far this year and students were informed that "partnership" is the new theme for the relationship between Student Affairs and President Shannon. Vicki, Anita, and Chris gave all the RA's a special thanks for all the hard work that they have done. Each member of Student Affairs also gave a brief summary of their

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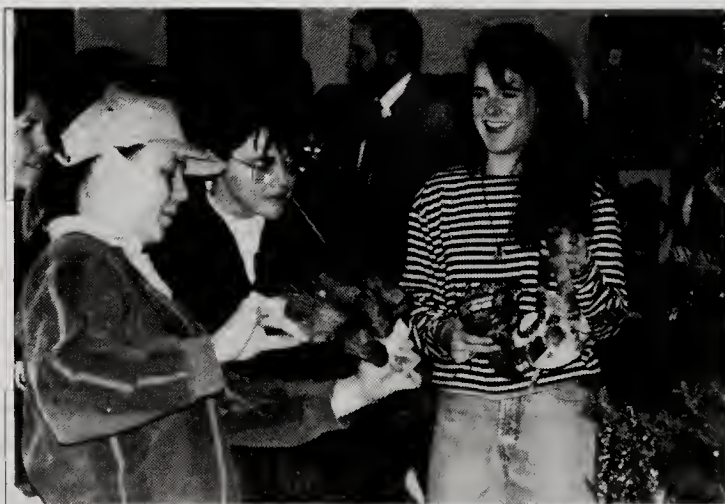


photo by Jason Stankewicz

Diane Hebert, Heide Rahe, and Kim Milos participate in the Christmas tree decorating party held in Halleck Center.



Cheating is everyone's problem

The first time I ever saw anyone cheat was in the sixth grade. We were taking a geography test. I didn't know the name of a particular island in the Pacific and I looked around the room hoping to jog my memory. The boy next to me had a small piece of paper stuffed in the sleeve of his shirt. He frequently referred to the paper before frantically scribbling on his test.

At first, I didn't know what was happening. I didn't realize what he was doing. But, suddenly, I realized that he was cheating--and probably doing better on the test than I was (and I had actually studied).

Since the sixth grade, I have seen cheaters in many forms. There are the cheaters who use the small piece of paper trick. There are the cheaters who prefer the inscribe-the-answers-in-a-pencil (or eraser) method. And there are cheaters who just don't seem to care who notices that they are cheating; these people usually pick up their text book or class notes and read away while everyone else in the class is without the benefit of this open-note/text method of test taking.

Before I go any further, let me confess that I am not immune to cheating. I admit that I have cheated in the past. In high school (back in the days before Saint Joseph's when math classes was forced mercilessly upon the student as a senseless graduation requirement), I just could not manage to make it through my Trigonometry class. I consistently failed my tests--even though I honestly tried and studied. I decided to try my hand at cheating.

The good news: I managed to pass the class with a B-. I think it was a miracle.

The bad news: I was caught the one and only time I attempted to cheat. I was so concerned with not being caught that I failed to notice Mr. Clodfelter standing over my shoulder when I removed a piece of paper with Trig formulas on it. Luckily, he did not report me to the proper authorities; I became so paranoid with the idea of cheating that I have faithfully studied for the remainder of my academic career.

I thought people in high school cheated

so that they could get into a good college (that's why I did it--Paranola about flunking one Trig test and never getting accepted to a college of any kind). But, when I got to college, there was a whole new crop of cheaters.

Saint Joseph's College has an Academic Honesty Policy that does not tolerate a cheating student; however, do the words in the College catalogue stop the cheating? No.

"Saint Joseph's College exists for the pursuit of truth and knowledge...Students are expected to be truthful in all academic relationships on campus; in all courses, each student has the responsibility to submit work that is uniquely his or her own."

Powerful words with a strong message do not seem to stop the cheating occurring here at Saint Joseph's College. Maybe the professors make it easy to cheat. Many profs leave the room when giving a test. What students need to realize is that the professor is giving us reign to be honest adults and resist the urge to cheat. Just because a professor leaves the room does not give anyone the right to violate the professor's trust in the students.

Maybe other students make it too easy for others to cheat in class. When a student cheats in class, there are other students who usually watch him/her do it. Why don't the students report the cheaters?

It is the responsibility of the professors to create an honest environment in class. Students must feel comfortable in confiding to the professor about such matters as cheating. The professors need to stress that cheating will not be tolerated in or out the classroom.

It is the responsibility of the other students to report the cheating student. Not only is the cheater hurting him/herself, the cheater is hurting all of us. When the cheater finally graduates from college, he/she will enter the working world as a Saint Joseph's graduate. The cheater will hurt our chances of finding a good job because he/she will have shown the working world that SJC grads are not what they seem to be.

With final exams just next week, there is something we all need to keep in mind. Cheating hurts everyone. Good luck.

-jml

Letter to the Editor Christmas style

Dear Editor,

It is a week after the Christmas and as you may know, this is an event that many on campus look forward to. Only this year things have changed--there will be no cash bar. Why, you ask? Because the administration feels we can't be trusted with one. Yet, Core XI was open on the night of the dance. Does this make sense to you?

First of all, both the cash bar and Core XI are there for those who are 21 years of age or older. In fact, it would seem more reasonable to me to have a cash bar instead of Core XI, because at the cash bar

each individual is only allowed five drinks. At Core XI, however, there is no set limit.

Also, Justin and Halas have spent about \$400 on the D.J. who will be performing at the dance. I find it rather rude of the administration to choose to open Core XI, because as we all know, those 21 years of age or older will be spending time in Core XI. I brought this up to the administration.

I also feel there will be more problems with opening Core XI as compared to a cash bar. For one, there is going to be a lot more traffic flow in and out of the Ballroom.

If we had a cash bar, however, the dance would be contained in one area. Second, if you date is 21 or older and you are not? Are you suppose to split up? This is creating more problems.

These are just a few of the problems I can see. I am sure there are more, but I think you get my point. They say we are too immature to have a cash bar with a five drink limit, yet we can go down to Core XI and suck down ten drinks in a half hour if we wish. Logical, isn't it?

Sincerely Yours,
Kim Patch

Justin Governor

HIV/AIDS education necessary for life

In today's complex society, there are somethings that we, as members of the twentysomething generation, have to deal with and our parents did not have to worry about when they were growing up.

In today's world, you can be violently attacked or even fatally shot while dining at a fast food restaurant. There remains a good chance that your attacker is a young high school student.

In today's world, the clothes you wear could be the reason for harassment or even violence. School kids are being killed for their gym shoes and athletic jackets.

In today's world, teachers are grossly underpaid and athletes are grossly overpaid. In today's world, a college degree does not guarantee you will find a job.

And in today's world, you can die because a person you have had sex with had sex with someone else who had sex with someone who had AIDS. It is like the branches of a tree.

The best prevention for the deadly disease is, of course, to abstain from having sexual relations. However, in an age where children lose their virginity as

young as eleven years old, is it truly realistic to expect college students to keep their pants on and not have sex?

Sex is a touchy subject. Schools don't want to teach it and churches don't want to discuss it. But there is a need. There is a demand. There is the possibility of death.

Education needs to be handled in a sensitive manner toward the subject. But education also needs to be tough. In dealing with a disease so complicated and deadly, there can be no skirting around the issue.

Avoiding the subject of HIV or AIDS and refusing to talk about it, will ultimately lead to death. This is a disease that knows no discrimination. There are not religions, genders or sex-preference prejudices with this disease or its virus. There is simply no where to hide.

The Dec. 9, 1993 issue of STUFF is dedicated to those who have suffered and died from the disease. Pages four and five contain invaluable information about HIV/AIDS.

With the recent observance of World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, this topic is timely, and, as always, relevant.

-jml



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Justin/Halas Christmas Dance provides an evening of fun on the dance floor

by Vicky Ojeda

The music was blasting and students were jumping and dancing around. The traditional Justin / Halas Christmas dance was held in the Auditorium last Saturday, Dec. 4, at 9 p.m. and lasted through the night until 1 a.m. Happy and excited faces could be seen all around, a lot of people were enjoying themselves.

Turnout was good. There were plenty of people at the dance -- the ballroom was full. Senior, Angie Bossung commented, "There was a better turnout than last year."

People were very energetic. Often, people could be seen dancing up on stage. A couple of guys even decided to provide some special entertainment, with shirts unbuttoned and

dancing on stage as the crowd cheered them on. "It was very interesting to see live entertainment besides the DJ on stage," said freshman Mike Stagg.

Cortez Gosa, could be seen around the ballroom with his camera taking pictures for the yearbook. Students could also get their picture taken by a professional photographer that was set up outside of the ballroom. Many flashes could be seen going off as friends gathered together and smiled.

The music was done by a DJ, "The Music Man," who played all types of music from alternative to disco. As the dance ended and people were walking out, many students could be heard saying: "I can't believe that he played 'Staying Alive'." Senior, Angie Bossung, thought that the music

was OK. "It wasn't the best dance music, but that didn't seem to bother anyone. Everyone still had a good time."

The time when most people were out dancing was when the DJ played slow songs. During the slow dances, couples seemed very happy as they cuddled together and moved their feet to the rhythm of the music. "I had a great time! I danced with the most beautiful man," commented freshman Natalie Kutie.

There were only a few sad faces to be seen at the dance. Overall, the dance was a success. People had fun and enjoyed themselves. "It was the most fun I've had (at dances anyway). The best date, a great night, what more could you ask for?" said freshman student, Joel Walsh.

New SA Officers elected

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put my heart into it," he said.

Patterson focused on his high academic record to prove himself qualified for the position. He also made an appeal to the voters, commenting that he wants to change "the focus of SA back to students. They're the ones that elect us. My number one priority is the students."

Issues discussed in the debate included day student activities, student retention, student apathy, campus beautification, and student-administrator relations. Byers explained his past work on these issues, while Patterson promised more effective ac-

tion in these areas if elected.

Voting was held in front of the Cafe on Tuesday and Wednesday. The official results of the elections follow.

SA President
Brett Byers

Vice President
Kurt Krouse

Secretary
Brian Corrigan

Treasurer
Erin Holly

Look for a comprehensive look at the new officers in the next issue of **STUFF**.

SA forum held

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job descriptions and how they are involved with the students here at Saint Joseph's College.

During the question and answer session of the Open Forum recent improvements here at Saint Joseph's were discussed. The newest improvement took place during a recent teleconference that negotiated for a new Suburban van that will be used by groups like Habitat for Humanity.

There has also been a major change in the role of the chapel since we now have a lay president. Many new programs have been started for students to take part in and there is a sense of renewed motivation for everyone in Campus Ministry.

Another improvement taking place is the new lighting system that's being installed. Saint Joseph's is in the second year of a three year plan designed to install high intensity flood lights around campus. So far, new lights have been put outside of Halas and Gallagher and a light will soon be going up between Justin and Halas. This three year plan will cost \$120,000, which will enable the entire quad between dorms to have a daylight type of arrangement during the night. These new lights are being installed to provide more

safety to students on campus.

Students were informed on the progress of alternative housing. There is nothing concrete to report as of yet and options are still being discussed with focus on student input.

A student concern that arose during the Open Forum was the problem of Saint Joseph's not having big job fairs on campus. Christine Beschnett said, "that a type of career fair is being planned." These plans include hope that a lot of employers will be attracted for the career fair being planned for this upcoming spring.

Another student concern was the parking situation at Justin. Students feel that the parking lot is too small and the walk to Justin from the Sparling lot is too dark and dangerous. A five-year plan of Saint Joseph's is to eventually expand the parking lot by Justin. It was not expanded this summer because it was felt that repaving the rest of the campus and expanding the parking lot at the fieldhouse was more important.

Towards the close of the Open Forum, students were reminded that the entire staff of Student Affairs is here to listen to any and all personal problems. Students should feel that they can come to these people on a personal basis.



photo by Holly Pickens

The Saint Joseph's College choir performs in the annual Feast of Lessons and Carols, a medley of scripture readings and Christmas songs. The event was held Sunday, Dec. 5 in the Chapel. The event was well attended and a great way to get into the holiday spirit.



Catholic response to AIDS

The following is the official Catholic response to AIDS/HIV and disease prevention. The source of the following is "Origins," Dec. 24, 1987, Volume 17, Number 25. This response is made available before all peer facilitator presentations.

A U.S. Catholic Conference Administrative Board statement presenting facts on AIDS and discussing prevention of the disease as well as care for its victims was released Dec. 11 (1987). Calling acquired immune deficiency syndrome "a human illness to which we must respond in a manner consistent with the best medical and scientific information," the statement urges compassionate efforts by church communities and individuals to care for AIDS victims. "We must provide spiritual and pastoral care as well as medical and social services for their families and friends," the statement says. The statement opposes the approach to AIDS prevention "popularly called 'safe sex,'" and notes that this approach is "at best only partially effective." One point in the AIDS statement led to an immediate reaction among Catholic leaders. While it stresses church teaching on sexuality, the statement recognizes "that public educational programs addressed to a wide audience will reflect the fact that some people will not act as they can and should." It said that "in such situations, educational efforts, if grounded in the moral vision outlined (in the statement) could include accurate information about prophylactics," it was stressed, "but merely providing information should indicate that abstinence outside of marriage and fidelity within marriage as well as the avoidance of intravenous drug abuse are only morally correct and medically sure ways to prevent the spread of AIDS."

AIDS: A deadly disease th

Commentary

A reason to be concerned: AIDS is an 'anybody disease'

by J.W. Sacco

I have often wondered where it came from and why it is here. "Why us?"; is usually what I ask myself when I think of it. Why my generation? I cannot answer these questions and even if I could, it would mean nothing.

The fact is that we are the first generation that will have to deal with this disease all our lives. This disease is AIDS.

We claim to know alot about this disease, yet we know so little. AIDS is a disease that attacks your immune system, hence the name (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). No one dies of AIDS, but people die of a different disease that can not be warded off by the

persons weakened, if not totally destroyed, immune system. Pneumonia is the most common disease that AIDS victims die from. We have all heard how this disease can and cannot be spread.

You can get AIDS by receiving tainted blood in a blood transfusion, by sharing needles with someone who has it and by having unprotected sex with someone who is infected.

You can not get this disease by using the same toilet as an infected person, kissing an infected person, or having an infected person breathe on you.

Many people know this but still look at an AIDS infected person differently; they seem to treat them differently. They seem

to shy away from the infected person, as though this person has a cold and they do not want to catch it.

We claim to know that this disease can not be spread through casual contact, yet people in this very state persecuted a young boy who just wanted to go to school like everyone else. This young boys name was Ryan White and now the people in that town of Kokomo only realize his heroism; however, it is too late-- he is dead.

AIDS is not a gay or a junkie disease; it is an anybody disease. Anybody can get it and anybody can die from it. Yet it is such a simple disease to protect yourself against that one wonders why it is as widespread as it

is today.

All one has to do is use a condom or abstain from sex. All you have to do is not shoot up drugs, but if you do, don't share needles or at least try sterilizing them in a bleach solution. It is so easy.... yet many of us do not listen to these rules and many of us die.

Pages four and five are dedicated to informing you on this disease. Such questions as: Where can I get tested; What is AIDS; What is World AIDS Day; and who can I go to for help, will hopefully be answered on these pages. I hope we give you an understanding of the disease and at the same time take away some of the myth that surround the disease.

World AIDS Day promotes education, action

Steps concerned individuals can do to support the cause

by Billy Dawn Schurttner

December 1 was a very important day. It was a day for the world to try to spread action for making people aware of the fight against AIDS. World Aids Day focuses on encouraging government and communities to talk about AIDS. In 1989 and 1990 World AIDS Day concentrated on the needs of youth and women. In 1991 the focus was on community commitment.

Some of the Worlds Aids Day's goals were to: Increase knowledge, promote sensitivity and awareness of the social implications that surround the pandemic. The World Aids Day also supports HIV prevention and AIDS control activities and programs.

In a pamphlet available to the Saint Joseph's College community (copies can be picked up outside of Campus Life) are some startling facts.

By the year 2000, WHO projects that the cumulative total of HIV infections in men, women and children will range between

30 and 40 million. WHO states that 90 percent of this figure will be in the developing countries. As of 1993, 315,390 people in the United States had reportedly been diagnosed with AIDS.

AIDS is the leading cause of death for young adults in at least 64 American cities. AIDS has been the second leading cause of death among men ages 25 to 44 since 1989. The fastest growing groups of individuals becoming infected with HIV are heterosexual women and adolescents.

What is AIDS? Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is the most serious form and final stage of HIV viral infection. HIV targets T4 lymphocytes (T-Helpers cells). This type of white blood cells replicates within these cells and eventually kills them. The destruction of these white blood cells causes a deficiency in a person's immune responses; therefore, a normally healthy person cannot ward off even simple diseases, like a common cold or the flu.

The HIV infected person does

not progress to AIDS immediately and often remain apparently healthy for a long period of time.

HIV is found and transferred to other people through direct contact with semen, blood, vaginal secretions and breast milk. You can contact the virus by: having sex (vaginal, oral, or anal) with someone infected with HIV, injection drug use and vertical transmission.

AIDS does not have a cure at this time. Most people carry an attitude of "This can't happen to me" and do not educate themselves. Saint Joseph's Campus Life has three peer facilitators to help with teaching AIDS awareness and education about AIDS. (see story on page 5)

There are some steps individuals can take to make others aware of this disease. Some ideas are:

- Wear and distribute to others a red ribbon as a symbol of hope.

- Buy the "AIDS Awareness" Stamp to increase worldwide

awareness about HIV/AIDS.

- Talk to your friends and family about HIV/AIDS testing and prevention.

- Call you AIDS State Hotline to find out how you can help in your community.

- Write your Congress person and encourage an active response to the HIV/AIDS needs in your community.

- Mobilize groups in which you are a member to participate in World AIDS Day 1994.

- Promote and encourage ongoing HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention programs.

- Write a letter or Op-Ed article to your local newspaper demonstrating support for World AIDS Day 1994.

- Contact the NAMES project and bring The AIDS Quilt to your community.

- Sew squares for The AIDS Quilt and present them to the NAMES project.

Campus Life has brochures and pamphlets available to students and members of the community outside the office.



What knows no discrimination or boundaries

Most common AIDS/HIV questions answered

by Jacquelyn Leonard

As a peer facilitator, I see several students every semester in private one-on-one settings. I address their concerns and problems. Below are some of the most common questions I am asked.

What is HIV?

HIV, human immunodeficiency virus, is the virus that causes AIDS. The virus passes from person-to-person through bodily fluids: blood, semen, vaginal fluid and breast milk. HIV, as far as we now know, cannot be transferred through saliva, tears or sweat.

What is AIDS?

AIDS, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, is a result of HIV infection. The infection is caused by a virus known as human immunodeficiency virus, HIV. By the time someone develops AIDS, the virus has usually damaged the body's main defense system--the immune

system. Thus, people with AIDS develop diseases that healthy people can normally resist and fight off.

How is AIDS spread?

AIDS is caused by the virus HIV and transferred through blood-to-blood or sexual contact with an infected person. The main ways people become infected with the virus are:

Through having sex--vaginal, oral or anal--with someone who has HIV.

Through exposure of a baby to an infected mother's blood during pregnancy or delivery, or, rarely, through breast feeding.

Through receiving blood transfusions, blood components or blood clotting factors, or transplants infected with the virus. This is rare in 1993 because hospitals and blood banks began mandatory testing of all donations in 1985.

Where did AIDS come from?

Scientists and medical researchers are not sure where the virus originated or how it was introduced to humans at this time.

When was AIDS discovered?

Scientists in both France and the United States identified HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in 1983. The medical community began to screen blood and organ donations for the virus in 1985.

How long does it take for someone with the virus to develop AIDS?

It usually takes five to ten years for many people infected with the virus, HIV, to develop AIDS. Before developing the symptoms of AIDS, HIV-infected people look and feel healthy. While the infected people may not realize they carry the virus, they are still able to infect others.

What are the signs and symptoms of AIDS?

Many HIV-positive

people have no symptoms at first. Later, people may develop prolonged or severe: fever, fatigue, diarrhea, skin rashes, night sweats, loss of appetite, swollen lymph nodes, significant weight loss, lack of resistance to infection, furry white spots in the mouth, memory or movement difficulty, dry coughs, shortness of breath, or red or purple spots anywhere on the skin and throughout the body.

How is AIDS diagnosed?

To be diagnosed as having AIDS, a person must have:

The likely or confirmed appearance of certain illnesses or cancers not common in most people.

And either:

Evidence of a weakened immune system, with HIV infection as the only possible cause OR a test that is positive for HIV antibodies in the blood.

Is there a cure for AIDS?

There is no cure for

AIDS to date. Because of the complicated nature of HIV, there is even more difficulty in finding a cure for the virus. The virus hides in cells of the immune system, as well as other bodily cells. A cure for HIV must be able to keep the virus from multiplying and also must destroy the infected cells. Meanwhile, while scientists are searching for a cure, there are treatments, like AZT, which help control the spread of the virus; AZT does not eliminate the virus entirely.

How do you test for AIDS?

AIDS is caused by a virus, HIV. Most blood tests look for signs of HIV-infection in the body. The tests do not test for the actual virus; instead, the tests check for antibodies in the blood.

Can I get AIDS by giving blood?

No. In the United States, giving blood is safe because of procedures using only sterile equipment. Equipment, including needles, are used only once and then discarded.

SJC peer facilitator program resource for concerned students

by Virginia Evans

"The AIDS/HIV Peer Facilitator program was started here in 1990. I felt it was a concern for Student Affairs and also a student concern. The Red Cross was offering free training so I checked into it and we got involved," stated Chris Zanowski the AIDS/HIV Coordinator here at Saint Joseph's College.

"We're trained as facilitators to educate people on the facts. We can't tell you what it's like to have the disease but we can give you the facts," said Mary Pat Schreiber a senior and an AIDS/HIV peer facilitator at Saint Joseph's College.

"The training was the most intense experience of my life. We had to complete 21 hours of training and also pass two written exams and give a timed pres-

entation," stated Jacquelyn Leonard, SJC junior and peer facilitator.

"(Peer facilitator training) was difficult but it was worth it," stated Brett Byers, SJC junior and peer facilitator.

Schreiber also commented about training. "It was really an eye opening experience," stated Schreiber.

"Anything anyone tells us is confidential. It makes you feel good because it gives you a sense that people trust you and feel they can come and talk to you. If people feel comfortable with you, you know you're doing your job right," said Byers.

Leonard said, "There really is a concern on campus about the disease. This program helps concerned students talk

to other students who are qualified. It makes students feel more comfortable. This way, students do not have to go to an outside organization for information or questions."

"There really is a need on campus for information that is honest, truthful, helpful and necessary," she continued.

Byers said, "I think that there are some people who really care and want to protect themselves...people have to be aware, if they aren't, it'll catch up with them."

Zanowski stated, "The peer facilitators do a good job. They are well informed and students should use them as resource. They do their work on a voluntary basis. I think that shows that they really feel strongly about helping other students."

Phone numbers to know

If you feel as though you have been exposed to the AIDS virus, you can be tested. The following three phone numbers are for the nearest sites for Anonymous Counseling and Testing in Indiana:

Lafayette: 317-742-9037

Lafayette: 317-742-0244

Merrillville: 219-769-3500

Information can be obtained from other sources. Other important numbers to note are as follows:

The Indiana AIDS Hotline: 1-800-848-AIDS

Monday - Saturday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Center for Disease Control National AIDS Hotline: 1-800-342-AIDS

Saint Joseph's College peer facilitators:

Brett Byers: 866-8000 ext. 5100

Jacquelyn Leonard: 866-0497

Mary Pat Schreiber: 866-

Focused defense concern for Pumas

by Brian DiPaolo

"We did a real nice job offensively, but we still have to work on our defense," stated men's basketball head coach Bill Bland after the Dec. 2 win over Rosary College. Bland noted that even though the team's record stands at 4-2, that doesn't mean there is no room for improvement. "We've got five guys going on the floor who are supposed to be seeing the same things, but they're not seeing them every possession...that's why we're giving up so many uncontested shots."

Senior Donnie Riggins stated, "I don't know if the incentive is there to win; we're suffering from mental fatigue." Riggins also said that, "After four years of playing basketball, the seniors are mentally worn out; right now we're not

focused on what needs to be done."

Despite the defensive problems, Bland noted that the team is starting to shoot the ball better and is thinking about the shots that are going to be made. "We haven't been taking as many hurried shots as we have in the past," Riggins agreed with Bland's saying, "Rebounding has been a key in the games; also, we've been shooting the ball a lot better than before."

Although no player has taken center stage during the past four games, Bland has been happy with the work of Riggins who received the MVP award at the Indiana Wesleyan Tournament held Nov. 26 and 27. "Donnie was the one who was playing real consistent defense for us. He's

been able to keep play on an even level throughout all the games we've played."

Riggins, although happy with winning the award, stressed the importance that the award wasn't just for him. "It was an honor to win the award, but it couldn't have been done without the work of the team. I just did what was necessary for the team...I was just one of the players who scored more points. The team played well during the tournament; it was an award for the team."

In previous action, the Pumas battled Indiana Wesleyan and came up winners. In the 69-54 win, Trent Smith led the team with 15 points and 4 rebounds; Josh Gilbert added 13 points and 5 rebounds. The Pumas also racked up a 92-81 victory over Hunt-

ington College. Leading the Pumas in that game were Riggins and Brad Evans, both with 18 points.

In the first game of the season, the Pumas lost the Grand Valley State 79-89 in overtime. Riggins again led the team, scoring 16 points. Mark Brown added 7 offensive and 6 defensive rebounds during the game. The Pumas were outscored 24-14 by Grand Valley State in overtime action.

The Pumas won their last match on Wednesday night, beating the Huntington Foresters for the second time this season, by the score of 106-71. Kevin Deson lead all scorers with 27 points.

The Pumas next battle IUPUI-Indy on Dec. 18 in Indianapolis, and start the conference against Ashland University.

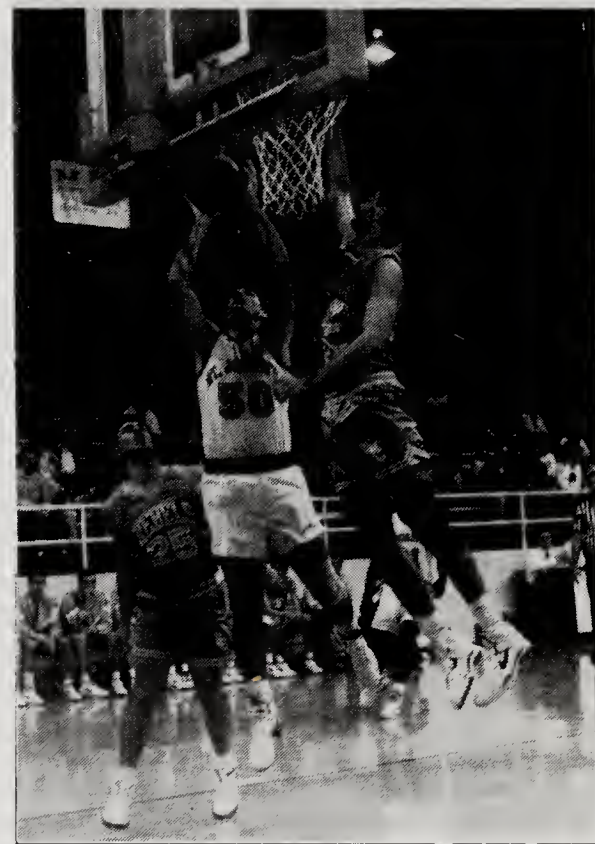


Photo by Holly Pickens

UP WITH THE SHOT... senior Bob Sheridan (50) lays one in for the Pumas in their 93-82 victory over Rosary College.

Improving Ladies playing as a team *Prepare for Indiana Tech this weekend*



Photo by Holly Pickens

GIVING THE MOST...to be the Best. Head coach Keith Freeman takes time out from practice to give the Lady Pumas some instructions. The Lady Pumas are currently 3-2.

by Amy Skaggs

The Saint Joseph's College Lady Puma basketball team is coming off two losses in the Bulldog Holiday Inn Classic Tournament this past weekend. On Friday, the team lost a close battle against Lake Superior. Leading scorers for the Pumas were Sophomore Tanya Popiela with 23 points and junior Lori Hisson with 15 points.

"It was a very close game," said Hisson. "Both teams played very hard. They just came

out two points ahead." Junior Sondra Green added, "Lake Superior is a really tough team. I thought we played really well."

The Pumas also suffered another close loss on Saturday against Lewis University, 61-59.

"Saturday we came back from Friday's loss and did not play a very good game," said Green. "We are playing more as a team this year though, instead of relying on a couple of key players. I think that will help us play better later on in the season. It is

still very early in the season." Hisson said, "We won our first game and the two losses were very close games against good competitors. With such a young team, I think we are on the right track to becoming good competitors ourselves."

The Pumas did start the season off on a positive note by winning the first game of the season against the University of Wisconsin Parkside, 72-69.

"Everyone played really well against Parkside," commented junior Stacey Shepherd. "If we can keep playing that competitively and have everyone contribute the way they did, we will do really well this season."

The Pumas won their last match against Grace College on Tuesday, upping their record to 3-2. The score of that game was 77-52.

The Lady Pumas play again this weekend, as they host Indiana Tech on Saturday. They will take a full week off from games before their next home match on Dec. 17 against Saint Francis of Fort Wayne.

There are only a few games left before the conference season begins, when the Pumas will open at home against the Ashland Eagles and Indiana-Purdue University of Ft. Wayne.

All-Conference football selections announced

Four members of the 1993 Saint Joseph's College Puma football team were named to the 1993 Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference All-Academic Team. Defensive back Tom Offer was named to the Defensive All-Academic First Team. He was the third leading tackler for the Pumas with 86 total tackles and 55 solos, and also tied for the lead in interceptions with 3. Offer's grade point average is a 3.70 on a 4.0 scale.

Junior linebacker Mark Ritters was named to the Defensive All-Academic Honorable Mention Team. Ritters was the second leading tackler with 100 total tackles and 52 solos. Ritters also had 4 sacks for a loss of 14 yards for the season. Ritters grade point average is a 3.26. Senior offensive linemen Marc Magrini and Greg Walczak were named to the Offensive All-Academic Honorable Mention Team. Magrini's G.P.A. is a 3.48 and Walczak's is a 3.45.

Intramural News

Basketball tourney ends

For the past two weeks, the Intramural department, behind the efforts of senior Darryl McWilliams, has been sponsoring a three on three basketball tournament, being held in the rec center.

According to McWilliams, the tournament went smoothly just as it does every year. "It's been kind of tradition to hold this event every year right before Christmas," he said. "A lot of teams entered this year and there was some great competition."

According to McWilliams' figures, 16 teams entered the tournament adding up to over 50 players total. "Each team had about five or six guys, so it gave a lot of people a chance to play."

The team comprised of McWilliams, Dave Jordy, Bob Grusak, Erik Weber, and Ricky Calloway won the tournament, beating a long time rival, headed by team captain Steve Fagan.

"The tournament went really well," said Fagan. "My team has made it to the finals for four years but we get beat by McWilliams every time!"

Tracksters look for healthy, strong- yet rigorous season

by Brian DiPaolo

With winter season just starting, most people wouldn't think that track season would be getting under way; however, the Saint Joseph's College track team is practicing for what it hopes to be a successful season.

"We've brought in a lot of All-State kids into our program this year," stated head coach Bill Massoels about the recruits the track program got this year. "We've filled some spots for jumpers on the men's side. On the women's side we also filled some spots for jumpers; we also found a sprinter as well. We've had a strong distance recruiting class this year that helped us to be competitive on the cross country side and should help us on the track side as well."

The track team has no specific star players. "This team is filled with above average athletes who know their roles and are going to put out a solid effort for the team," stated Massoels.

Distance co-captain Lisa Perez feels that this will be a successful season. "Everybody is putting in the time and the

work that needs to be done to have a successful season. The sprinters and hurdlers are putting in a lot of practice time compared to before; they started after Christmas last year, this year they got started early," she said.

As for the competition that the team faces, Massoels is sure that it will be rigorous. "Ashland University, the University of Indianapolis and Lewis University are all nationally ranked teams. We also run against Division One schools. The competition we run against is really tough; we've really got a tough schedule."

To do well this season, both Perez and Massoels agree that the key lies in the health of the players. Massoels remarked, "If we fall upon injury in one specific area, we are going to be hurting. We've got a young team with only two seniors, so we're looking at having everyone put solid effort into the meets."

Formal track practices have been under way for two weeks now and the team faces its first competition on January 22 when it plays at Tri-State University.

Still wanting to compete in sports? Intramurals gives students options

Many students who do not participate in varsity sports at Saint Joseph's College can still be active in sports via intramurals. There are several different intramural sports available to students. There is football, basketball, volleyball, softball and floor hockey. All sports are available to both men and women.

"I think I.M. sports are an easy way to meet and get to know people," stated freshman Lynn Winger. "So far, I've played football and volleyball. We play more for fun but it can get competitive if we are playing a team we really want to beat. I.M.'s keep you active and in a social setting."

Many students cannot or do not wish to continue playing at a varsity level when they reach college. Intramurals gives them the opportunity to continue playing the sports they love with a lot less stress. "I've played basketball my whole life," commented Senior Suzie Hayes. "I just did not want to play on such a competitive level anymore. It is too time consuming with practice, games, etc. I just like to go and have fun playing without the stress of having to be at your best constantly."



MG THE PASS... some SJC students participate in a recent volleyball match in the rec center. The volleyball season ended this past week.

Many students find intramurals an outlet for the day to day stress they encounter at college. "My major is very demanding, stressful and time consuming," said Junior Mark Pizur. "I.M.'s allow me to escape the pressure for a couple of hours a day and have fun with my friends."

However, many students do not realize that I.M.'s exist or they are afraid they will not be good at it. "I didn't even know

my floor had a team until the upperclassmen asked me to play football with them one day," commented Freshman Meagan Balducci. "At first, I didn't think I'd know how to play. Everyone explained it in about five minutes and I ended up doing really well and having a great time. I couldn't wait for our next game!"

Anyone interested in playing intramural sports should contact head football coach Bill Reagan for more information.

Wonder SKI powers...Activate!

by Mark Ciesielski

Before I ever came to college, the only access I had to the game of volleyball was our annual church picnic. Just another game, I remember thinking, just another game.

My view of volleyball has changed drastically since then. It has become my favorite sport, second only to baseball. With this in mind, I was overwhelmed with joy when senior Mary Pat Schreiber approached me one day with my latest challenge.

Schreiber, the starting setter for the Puma volleyball team this year, along with senior Kirk Sullivan, assistant Puma coach and participant in numerous pro volleyball

tournaments, challenged me to a volleyball game. Beach style. Two-on-two.

There's nothing better than a game of two-on-two- you're in every play and you have complete control of the game. I had to do only one thing, and that was pick a partner. This was not a tough decision for me, however, as I knew exactly who I wanted on my team.

Since I was the public address announcer for the volleyball team the last two years, I had to pick the girl whose name was my favorite to announce. She's a 5 foot 7 inch sophomore wearing number 15, Tracey...WojteHOWSKI! Call it Polish Power, call it the SKI connection, but I knew this was a team that couldn't lose.

The challenge would not be easy though. Mary Pat and Kirk have played together a lot, whereas Tracey and I have only been teammates once before.

Consistent Wojo sparks victory over 'beach pros'

But since I have played with Kirk for the past three years in intramurals, I knew his weaknesses, and I knew his strengths.

The contest took place in the rec center with a net just a few inches below normal men's height of eight feet. We picked sides, shamboned (paper-rock-scissor) for serve, and like a lightning bolt, we had the lead- a big lead. With some good serving by Tracey and a spike or two from me, we won game one 15-2.

Mary Pat and Kirk were flustered. Nothing seemed to go right for them, and before long they were arguing amongst themselves. Our game plan had worked! We just hoped it would work for two more games, since this was a best of five match.

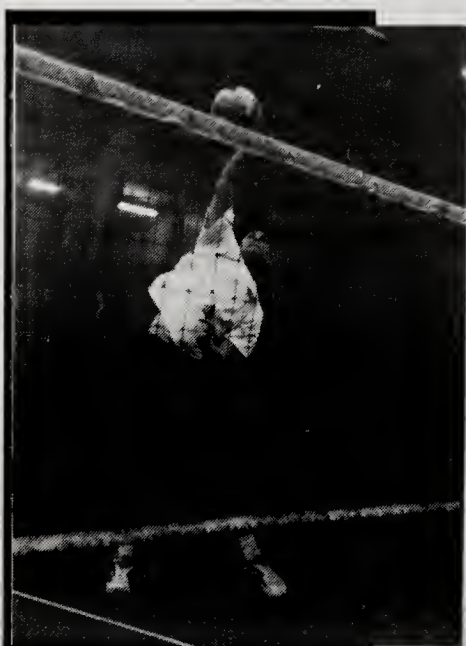
In game two, things turned around a bit. We broke out to a 4-0 lead until Kirk's jump serves starting landing and Mary Pat's spikes starting finding holes in our defense. They jumped to a

13-9 lead. But we did not quit, and after some incredible rallies, game two landed in our favor, 15-13.

By this time, Mary Pat and Kirk were frustrated and not playing their game. Mary Pat's knees were bothering her which didn't help things for them, and Kirk's temper, which would have got him about six yellow cards, kept his mind somewhere besides on the court. Game three went relatively quick, with Team Ski winning 15-9.

There was some great volleyball played that day, reminiscent of the kind you watch on ESPN now that I think about it. And the rematch has already been planned too, and of course accepted with open arms by Tracey and me. Heck, now that Tracey and I have played together a couple times, I think we are unstoppable. We shall soon see.

Challenge record: 2-3



TAKE THAT! Senior Kirk Sullivan spikes a set from teammate Mary Pat Schreiber in their recent volleyball contest.



Festive films for the Holidays

— Our personal top ten favorites —

by Potts and McGroarty

Christmas time is here again. The tinsel is out and the lights are hung. Shopping malls are overcrowded and society is once again crazed with the buying of presents for their loved ones.

Finals will be over and students all over the world will have time to veg out in front of the tube.

So, what are you going to do? Go out and rent Christmas flicks- so here are our top ten films of the season.

10. Frosty The Snowman- Cool animation but a really sad story.

9. It's A Wonderful Life- It would be higher on the list but it is a bit overplayed. Jimmy Stewart is in rare form...

8. Miracle on 34th Street- The young Natalie Wood re-

stores our faith in the legend of Santa Claus.

7. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation- This is a Christmas classic- a must see for the entire dysfunctional family. Hopefully none of your relatives are like Eddy.

6. A Christmas Story- Peter Billingsley brings to life a boy-hood Christmas in 1940's Indiana. "You'll shoot your eye out." Did your father ever bring home a lamp like that? A story for the entire family

5. How The Grinch Stole Christmas- An all time favorite that we all grew up to. The Who's of Whoville win the battle and give the Grinch his heart back. It's great but not overwhelmingly sappy.

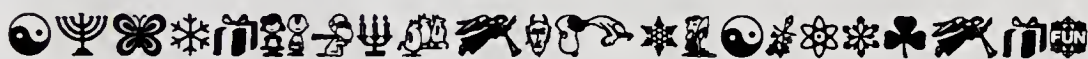
4. Charlie Brown Christmas- Don't you dig the aluminum trees? Don't you wish you could dance like them? It's truly a

miracle when they place the ornament on the tree and it comes to life with a little love from Linus' blanket.

3. Rudolph the Rednosed Reindeer- It's full of action, great puppeteering and it is from the sixties. It is a classic tale of the reindeer from the wrong side of the tracks makes good and saves the day.

2. White Christmas- Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney- They are the three best crooners of all time and they magically get Dad's barn, make some costumes and put on a show.

1. A Christmas Carol- This Dicken's classic has been a family favorite for years. Tiny Tim, the Cratchit family, and Ghosts from the past, present and future all lend a hand to create this magical story. God Bless Us Everyone!



*Greg & Candace just wanted to wish you
all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year from The Back Page.*



Faculty Flashback Photo



Can you guess who this new father is? He is frequently seen around campus at many of the college events, and you can rest assured that his hairstyle has definitely changed.

Last issue's faculty member was Dr. J. Phillip Posey of the History Department.

The Quote of the Week

"I will honor Christmas in my heart to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, Present, and Future. The spirits of all three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

Charles Dickens

A Back Page Tribute to Robert Frost 1874-1963

In honor of one of the greatest American poets of all-time and in memorium of his death thirty years ago, The Back Page has decided to run these poems as our special tribute to Robert Frost.

The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

The took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both the morning equally lay
In leaves not step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood and I-
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.